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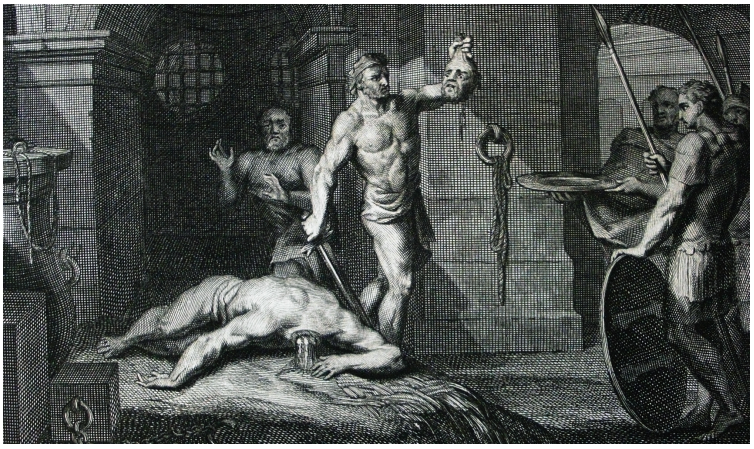
N. TRUE GLORY. MARK 10:35-45

Jesus makes a prediction here of the martyrdom of James and John. We know that James was beheaded, because it says so in the *Acts of the Apostles* 12:2. We do not know what happened to John. The idea of the cup of suffering (*Isaiah* 51:17-22, *Psalms* 75:8; see also *Revelation* 14:10) was associated with bearing retribution. Jesus himself refers to his cup of suffering when he is in the Garden of Gethsemane (14:36). He undoubtedly saw his own vocation as giving his life in place of the many as prophesied: "The Lord says, 'It was my will that he should suffer; his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness . . . My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and for his sake I will forgive them.'" (*Isaiah* 53:10-11) The baptism of suffering (*Isaiah* 43:2, *Psalms* 42:7, 69:1-3; see also *Luke* 12:50) derives from the image of being immersed in calamity. Baptism also came to be associated with suffering when martyrs died in the Roman arenas. If they were killed before baptism, it was believed that their own blood baptised them. Mark has Jesus address himself to the situation of the early Church.



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